

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested. Claims 9-28 remain pending in the present application.

By way of summary, the Official Action presents the following issues: Claims 9-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Van Den Hoven et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,152,210 B1, hereinafter “Van Den Hoven”) in view of Anderson (U.S. Patent No. 6,847,388 B2).

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Van Den Hoven in view of Anderson. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Independent Claim 9 recites, a multimedia preview system, including, in part, “controlling means . . . for changing a layout of the displayed multimedia data depending on the speed of browsing.” Applicants submit that Van Den Hoven and Anderson fail to disclose or suggest these features.

Initially, Applicants direct attention to Figure 13 of the present application, which shows a non-limiting example of “changing a layout of the displayed multimedia data depending on the speed of browsing.”

Turning to Van Den Hoven, that reference describes varying the speed of scrolling in accordance with the speed of input strokes, but does not specify a simultaneous variation of the layout.¹ Applicants submit that Van Den Hoven fails to disclose or suggest “controlling means . . . for changing a layout of the displayed multimedia data depending on the speed of

¹ Van Den Hoven, col. 4, l. 66.

browsing,” as recited in independent Claim 9. Indeed, the Office concedes that Van Den Hoven fails to disclose that feature.²

Turning to Anderson, that reference describes a play mode, in which the user may navigate through full-sized images.³ According to Anderson, the user interface of the play mode may be accelerated by displaying a scrennail image that is only medium-resolution.⁴ Applicants submit that a layout of displayed data in Anderson is not affected since regardless of which kind of image (e.g., full-sized, scrennail) is displayed, the displayed size and number of images remain the same.

It is respectfully submitted that Anderson fails to disclose or suggest “controlling means . . . for changing a layout of the displayed multimedia data depending on the speed of browsing,” as recited in independent Claim 9.

Thus, Van Den Hoven and Anderson, taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest “controlling means . . . for changing a layout of the displayed multimedia data depending on the speed of browsing,” as recited in independent Claim 9. It is therefore submitted that independent Claim 9 (and all associated dependent claims) patentably distinguishes over any proper combination of Van Den Hoven and Anderson.

It is further submitted that independent Claims 15 and 23 (and all associated dependent claims) are allowable for the same reasons as discussed above with regard to Claim 9 and for the more detailed features presented in those claims.

² See Official Action at 3, ll. 7-11.

³ Anderson, col. 13, ll. 15-16.

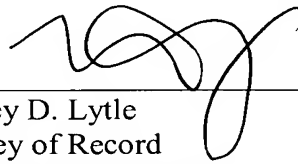
⁴ Id., col. 13, ll. 35-36.

CONCLUSION

Consequently, in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, including Claims 9-28, is patentably distinguished over the prior art and is in condition for allowance. Such an allowance is respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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